First Preliminary Amendment

## **AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

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Please add the Abstract attached hereto with the following text, on a separate sheet:

The invention concerns an arrangement for filling and/or emptying receptacles filled and/or to be filled with articles, essentially including at least one handling device for transporting receptacles that have been and/or are to be filled between a reservoir and a device which alters the level of the receptacles, at least one device which alters the level of the receptacles, and at least one reservoir for holding receptacles that have been and/or are to be filled, which is distinguished in that the arrangement is designed as a closed unit, such that the handling device is surrounded in cell fashion by the at least one device altering the level of the receptacles and by the at least one reservoir.